1. What attempt is made to keep the doctor's appointment completely impersonal?
2. What offer does the doctor make, and what appears to motivate him? What is Offred's reaction and response? Why does she respond as she does?
3. How were women vulnerable in the bathroom at one time?
4. How is Offred's interpretation of her own nakedness unique?
5. How does Offred know that her daughter is not a ghost?
6. What does her daughter's near-abduction at the supermarket foreshadow? What does Offred suggest about the isolated nature of this incident?
7. In what period of time has the Gilead regime formed its stronghold and settled in?
8. What event does Atwood foreshadow taking place that night?